TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1104.

Tuesday, the 6th August, 1929/22nd Karkatakam 1104.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-Thirty of the clock, the President presiding.

All the members were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The District Court building at Kottayam.

61. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate has been finally sanctioned for the District Court building at Kottayam;

(*b*) whether the allotments of Rs. 4,000 each in the Budgets for 1103 and 1104 were towards the same;

(*c*) the purpose for which the allotments were sanctioned;

(*d*) the reason why the allotments lapsed; and

(*e*) whether they are aware of the combined location of public offices at Quilon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) To construct District Court buildings.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer is preparing designs and estimates for a comprehensive scheme as proposed by the Kottayam Accommodation Committee for housing all the public offices in that town; and pending its disposal, work has not been started.

(*e*) Yes.

Tapping of Trees.

62. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the toddy shop contractors are permitted to tap as many trees as they like;

(*b*) whether the Department has ascertained the number of trees to be tapped for a shop which has to pay a kist of Rs. 100 per mensem and the quantity of toddy, in gallons, that may be tapped from a tree;

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(*c*) whether the principle accepted by each of the Excise Divisions in the matter of permitting the tapping of trees by contractors is one and the same; and

(*d*) whether any instructions have been issued by the Excise Commissioner in the matter, and, if so, what they are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The toddy shop contractors are permitted to tap only as many trees as are necessary for the supply of an adequate quantity of toddy for sale in licensed shops.

(*b*) No; the yield of toddy per tree varies according to the localities and seasons.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The instructions regarding tapping of trees are contained in the Tree Tax Rules and no other instructions have been issued by the Excise Commissioner.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): ആഡിക്കോറ്റ് കോൺട്രിബ്യൂഷൻ നിർണ്ണയിക്കുന്നതാരാണ്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): എക്സൈസ് ആഫീസേർസ്.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): എന്തിനെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കിയാണ് നിർണ്ണയിക്കുന്നത്? ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നിടത്തോളം കൊടുക്കുകയാണോ ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): മുൻ ആണ്ടത്തെ കണക്കു നോക്കി തീരുമാനിക്കും.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): മുൻ ആണ്ടിലെക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): കൊടുത്തിരിക്കാം. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി എനിക്കു സൂക്ഷ്മമായിട്ടറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): കൂടുതൽ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അതിനതക്കതായ ഡിമാൻഡുകാണും. അതുഷാപ്പുകളുടെകണക്കുനോക്കിയാൽ അറിയാം.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നിടത്തോളം കൊടുക്ക എന്നുള്ളതാണോ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ നയം?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): എനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Issue of arrack to contractors.

63 **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the quantity of arrack to be issued to the contractors of arrack shops has been fixed;

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